

## AMENDMENT

To the Bill offered by Mr. J. M. SMITH, to amend the Act to Organize Forces  
to Serve During the War.

[By Mr. McCALLUM.]

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*  
2 *enact*, That from and after the passage of this Act, all white men, resi-  
3 dents of the Confederate States, between the ages of sixteen and fifty years,  
4 shall be in the military service of the Confederate States for the war.

1 SEC. 2. That all persons aforesaid between the ages of seventeen and  
2 eighteen shall be placed in service in the field with those between the ages  
3 of eighteen and forty-five, and shall have thirty days to choose the arm of  
4 service and the organizations they may prefer to enter: *Provided*, That  
5 they shall be required to enter organizations from the States in which they  
6 respectively reside.

1 SEC. 3. That all persons between the ages of forty-five and fifty shall  
2 constitute the first class reserves for State defence and detail duty, as pro-  
3 vided by existing laws, but may be required to perform service out of the  
4 State in which they reside.

1 SEC. 4. That all persons between the ages of sixteen and seventeen, and  
2 forty-five and fifty-five, shall enroll themselves and be organized into com-  
3 panies, battalions and regiments, as required by the 5th and 6th sections of  
4 an Act entitled "An Act to Organize Forces to Serve During the War,"

5 approved February 17, 1864, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of  
 6 said Act, and when organized, shall constitute the second class reserve  
 7 forces for State defence and detail duty ; but they shall not be called into  
 8 active service, except in cases of great emergencies ; nor shall they be re-  
 9 quired to serve out of the States in which they reside, nor longer under  
 10 any one call, or at any one time, than sixty days : *Provided*, That not  
 11 more than one-half of said second class reserves shall be in actual service  
 12 at the same time.

1 SEC. 5. Troops of the second class reserves shall have the privilege of  
 2 serving in mounted infantry upon their furnishing their own horses and  
 3 equipments—their horses and equipments being valued as under existing  
 4 laws, and if lost in the service, to be paid for as those of other mounted  
 5 men or cavalry.

1 SEC. 6 It shall be the duty of the second class reserves, after their or-  
 2 ganization, to meet by companies, at stated times and places, not oftener  
 3 than once a month, to be designated by their officers, to drill under the su-  
 4 perintendence of persons familiar with tactics. They shall not be put in  
 5 actual service, until specially required by the President, and then he shall  
 6 designate the number of companies, battalions and regiments from any  
 7 given State, and the service upon which they are to enter.

1 SEC. 7. That from and after the passage of this Act, no white man,  
 2 resident of the Confederate States, between the ages of seventeen and  
 3 thirty, shall be exempt from military service, by reason of any occupation,  
 4 trade, calling or profession, except as provided by the second paragraph of  
 5 section 10th of an Act entitled "An Act to Organize Forces to Serve

6 During the War," approved February 17, 1864: *Provided*, That no per-  
 7 son shall be exempted by reason of being an officer of State militia: *Pro-*  
 8 *vided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent  
 9 the President from detailing artizans, mechanics, or persons of scientific  
 10 skill, or other persons of skill and experience, to perform indispensable du-  
 11 ties in the departments or bureaux, or otherwise, when the exigencies of  
 12 the government or the army may require them: *Provided*, That persons  
 13 of the requisite qualifications and skill over the age of thirty years cannot  
 14 be procured to perform the duties required.

1 SEC. 8. That all persons who, by existing laws, are exempted by reason  
 2 of any occupation, trade, calling or profession, shall be enrolled in the  
 3 second class reserves, and be subject to all duties of said class, except as  
 9 hereinafter provided.

1 SEC. 9. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to grant  
 2 details, under general rules and regulations to be issued by the War De-  
 3 partment, of persons between the ages of thirty and fifty-five years, for  
 4 agricultural or mechanical purposes, in all cases when, in his judgment, the  
 5 interests of the government or the necessities of the country demand  
 6 them: *Provided*, That no person between the ages of thirty and fifty-five,  
 7 able to perform military duty, detailed as aforesaid, shall be exempt from  
 8 service in the second class reserves, except bonded agriculturists.

1 SEC. 10. That all laws now in force exempting persons from military  
 2 service on account of religious scruples or opinions, be and the same are  
 3 hereby repealed.

1 SEC. 11. That all midshipmen, over the age of sixteen years, be or-

2 ganized into a company, or companies, and required to perform military  
 3 service, but shall not be put into actual service until specially required by  
 4 the President, or General-in-Chief, or the General commanding the depart-  
 5 ment in which they may be situated.

1 SEC. 12. That all State cadets or students in military schools, over the  
 2 age of sixteen years, be organized into companies, and required to perform  
 3 military service whenever the President, General-in-Chief, or the General  
 4 commanding the Department in which they may be situated, may require  
 5 their services.

1 SEC. 13. That all laws now in force authorizing the Secretary of War to  
 2 grant exemptions to persons liable to military service to attend military  
 3 schools, or other institutions of learning, be and the same are hereby re-  
 4 pealed.

1 SEC. 14. That all laws now in force in conflict with the provisions of  
 2 this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.